

2015 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE QUESTIONS

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

- a. Do you have defined outcomes or measurements for your program(s)? What are they and are these measures listed somewhere so the public can see them?

Our service to the public varies on the need for federal and state responses by military forces. We do have measurements of the readiness of our formations, in regards to personnel, equipment and training. This information is transmitted through military channels in a secure format. The support that the state of Iowa provides for the support of these missions are outlined in our Performance Report and through our Annual Report.

- b. What data is available to show Iowans that your program(s) are an effective investment of taxpayer dollars? Where can Iowans find this data?

IDOM website—Performance plan, measurements, strategic plan, Datashare

- c. Can you provide the committee with performance data for your programs over the last 5 or 10 years?

The historical readiness levels of our organization are not recorded for public consumption.

PROGRAM EFFICIENCY

- a. Have you examined what other states are doing to improve performance and reduce costs?

Yes, the Iowa National Guard leadership policy is to take regular visits to our higher headquarters to ensure we have the best techniques and procedures in place to be most effective and efficient. In addition, we have strong working relationships with many surrounding states that we continue to leverage to be proactive and responsive.

- b. Can you share with the committee what other states are doing?

Compared to other states Iowa's benefits to Soldiers and Airmen in a state status are relatively high.

- c. Which of these ideas are you considering for implementation here in Iowa?

Continuing to analyze the right number of Armories for the state; likely to see additional closures over the next 5-10 years.

- d. Are there websites or organizations we could go to obtain more information on what other states' programs are doing to provide more efficient services?

NA

- e. Do you have an email address or a comment section on your website where Iowans can suggest improvements to your program or agency?

We have a Public Affairs email address that the public can email at any time.

PROGRAM DUPLICATION

- a. Are there any other programs that are providing the same or similar services?
No
- b. Is there a reason why we need more than one program providing the same or similar service?
NA
- c. Have you had any discussions with the other agencies or programs to find ways to maximize the use of the taxpayer's dollars?
We've been in discussions with DAS on the execution of state employees' military leave.
- d. Are there any laws or administrative rules that would limit your ability to work with the other programs or departments?
Most of our operations are linked to DOD regulations and agreements.
- e. Are there any laws or administrative rules that could be changed to make your program or agency work better?
None at this time.

OTHER

- a. Would it be a burden to your agency to ask that your presentations be delivered to the Legislative Services Agency 48 hours in advance of your appearance before the committee?
No
- b. If you are required to reduce your budget by 1%, 5%, or 10%, where would you suggest we focus our attention?
Our salary costs are fixed, unless we do not backfill retirees. Will need to cut maintenance and operating costs resulting in the loss of federal matching funds.